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HOME AND GARDEN

SHADE TREES MUST CONTEND WITH VARYING CONDITIONS

A tree is a green growing plant of beauty but in our city life it must also be a highly adaptable plant of beauty. It has to contend with smoggy air, hot pavements, overhead cables and power lines if it is to remain a thing of beauty. Therefore when buying shade trees choose a tree which can adapt to these conditions.

There are many shade trees than can be grown successfully in towns and cities throughout California. If you are planning to plant some shade trees now in the bare root season be sure to ask your nurseryman for the names of the adaptable trees. Explain the growing conditions and your nurseryman can guide you to trees with proper size, growth habit and speed of growth. No doubt he'll recommend several of the following which the California Association of Nurserymen suggest.

Bright Green Foliage
Growing to approximately 30 feet the Chinese Elm (*Ulmus pumila*) is usually evergreen although it may drop its leaves for a short time in cold winter areas. Its foliage is bright green and graceful. In either dry heat or moisture the tree will do well and it is compar-

tively long-lived. A slow grower is the Goldenrain tree (*Koeleria paniculata*) which reaches 30 feet to an open style of growth. It is deciduous and rather long-lived. The Maidenhair tree (*Ginkgo biloba*) is a tall grower, usually reaching 75 feet. The only living genus in its family it grows erect and pyramidal. Its fan shaped, medium green leaves turn gold in Fall.

A straight trunk topped by a broad rounded crown characterizes the American Linden (*Tilia americana*). This tree is deciduous, fast growing and may reach 100 feet. Its cousin, the Little Leaf Linden, is a smaller version of it.

Grows 15 to 30 Feet
Upright and trim in its growth habit the American Ash (*Sorbus Aucuparia*) grows from 15 to 30 feet. It's deciduous and a rapid grower.

When you select the shade trees you want, a good rule to remember is the smaller tree has more chance to survive because it withstands the shock of transplanting better than a larger tree. For hot dry areas the California Association of Nurserymen recommend the Ash, Mulberry or the Pistachia.

To plant bare root style prepare the planting hole before you pick out the trees if possible. If you can't, have a place to heel the trees and keep the roots covered and moist before planting. If the trees you've selected aren't pruned you must prune roots and branches before planting, remembering to maintain a reasonable balance between the size of the roots

AARS Puts Superior Tag On Roses

Today there is an abundant use, if not overuse, of letters making abbreviations of titles, organizations, formulas, etc. Letters in abbreviations greet us everywhere and therefore so often when a gardener visits his local nursery he may completely overlook the letters "AARS" tagged on rose plants.

These letters are of great importance to the home gardener, says the California Association of Nurserymen, for just as certain types of flour and other baking products are kitchen tested so rose plants are garden tested. For two seasons new rose varieties are grown and observed in testing gardens in many parts of the country. If they are found to be superior in every way they are given the All America Rose Selection award—and the letters AARS and put on the tags of these roses to let the public know they are getting superior quality.

The All America Rose Selections are announced each year. Some years there may be three or more roses selected for this honor; some years just one. In recent years most of the All American Rose Selections have been developed in the West. So you know when you select rose plants tagged AARS you're getting a superior rose perfect for California gardening conditions.

and the size of the top or branches. **Wide Planting Hole**
The planting hole should be dug larger in width than the area encompassed by the spread-out roots and in depth approximately 18 inches by two feet. The tree should set in the soil at the same depth it was in the nursery. Place the tree on a mound of topsoil in the bottom of the hole and spread the roots out, working soil around and under the roots to avoid air pockets.

When the hole is 3/4 full soak to settle the soil and then fill with topsoil and water again. Build a watering basin six inches high in a circle around the tree. You may need to stake the tree or use guy wires. Do not fertilize until the tree is established.

New Peach Tree Grows Flowers, Fruit Together

Until recently a home gardener wanting flowers and peaches from a tree had to plant two varieties of the tree, now as a boon to California gardeners there are dual-purpose peach varieties that accomplish both feats.

It is the peach tree that has been experimented with and four new varieties of peaches have been developed which flower and fruit beautifully: the Two Star, Three Star, Four Star, and brand new for 1956, the Saturn.

Saturn's blooms are double pink flowers that cover the tree and provide armloads for house beauties. Yes, says the California Association of Nurserymen, you can cut off blossoms with no fear of lessening the crop when you grow these dual-purpose fruit tree varieties. In July—Saturn bears yellow freestone peaches which taste delicious.

The Daily News peaches, as the Two, Three and Four Star trees are known collectively, will brighten your home garden scene for many months. Two



Blackboard Helps Learning
The skills learned at school, like writing, can be improved and enjoyed at home, too, especially if the youngster has a wall blackboard like the one illustrated.

Any Dad can make a blackboard and install it. The cost is low and the work is simple. Just get a panel of Masonite Tempered Presswood from the lumber dealer, give it a coat of blackboard paint and attach it to the



wainscot of the room either with screws fitted through drilled holes and attached to wall studs or with a wallboard adhesive. Instead of just one panel, as illustrated, the entire wainscot on one side of the room may be lined with the Tempered Presswood and covered with a chalkboard material. That way, there'll be plenty of room for the writing and art work of the beginning pupil and her friends, too.

While Dad's making a blackboard for his daughter, or son, he might as well make one for Mother, who can use it to advantage in the kitchen. There it can be hung on a nail.

When a blackboard's so simple to make on smooth, splinter-free hardwood, there's no excuse for wanting one wherever it's needed.

Whatever garden role you give your new rose plants this year follow your nurseryman's advice for successful rose plants; choose top grade plants and plant them carefully and properly.

Leland F. Campbell In Philippines Now
Leland F. Campbell of 1611 W. 218th St., a commissaryman second class, is serving with the U. S. Naval Station, Saneley Point, Cavite, Philippine Islands, the Navy reported here this week. He is serving with the supply and fiscal department at the station.

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Root Planting Season Nears For Gardeners

Bare root planting season approaches and that of course means it's time to plant roses, grandiflora, tea, floribunda or climbing roses in the newest or oldest varieties depending upon your tastes.

The two most important aspects of rose culture, says the California Association of Nurserymen, are selecting of healthy top grade rose plants in the first place and following the proper planting procedure. There are three grades of roses to choose from, graded according to the number of canes on a plant, the length, plumpness and age of the canes. It's the wise gardener who selects the best for he will have more dependable performances from top graded roses.

Once the proper selection is made the gardener should prepare the planting hole and well in advance of planting time. Give roses an open area. In California a full day of sun is best. Make sure the soil is well drained and not too acid or alkaline. Dig the hole two feet deep and 18 inches or so across. Add to the surface soil peat and leaf mold. Build a mound of dirt in the center of the hole and set the rose plant on it with the plant's roots spread over the mound. For California, the bud union should be just above the ground. Fill in around the plant, firm the soil with your feet and water thoroughly.

Because there are so many types of roses you can plant them in many situations in your garden. Climbers are naturals for fences and arbors, of course. Tree roses are effective lining a wall and the floribundas with their masses of bloom make beautiful low shrubs, borders and loose hedges.

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GARDENER'S CHECKLIST

- Brighten your garden with a spring flowering tree. Have your nurseryman tell you about flowering peaches, plums, cherries and other exciting flowering trees he is now stocking.
- Dormant roses should be planted now, including the novel All-American Award winner, "Circus."
- This is an excellent time for a winter clean-up spray.
- Bulbs and roots for planting now include hardy lilies, Cannas, Amaryllis hybrids, Gladiolus, and Lily of the Valley pips.
- Many hardy perennial plants such as Shasta Daisies and Phlox can be divided now.

Garden Chatter

By LORING BIGELOW
Now is the time to plant your bare root shade and fruit trees. During this time of the year, these deciduous plants are fully dormant and safe to move without any earth about the root area.

To further classify the types of trees that you can plant now you will find deciduous fruit trees such as peaches, apricots, nectarines, figs, plum, pear and all other types that go fully dormant in the winter and defoliate. You will also find shade and ornamental varieties such as sycamore, birch, maple, elm, as well as the flowering varieties like flowering peaches, plums, and cherries.

If you are planning on setting out types in this broad classification, now is the time to consult your nursery and garden supply dealer to see what is available and to check over the varieties as well as sizes that he is selling. Don't delay as your selections are very complete at this time, and the weather is perfect.

There is also quite a saving connected with the purchase of these bare root varieties now, for at any other time of the year it would be necessary for you to purchase them in containers at a considerable price increase.

Your nurseryman knows the types and varieties that will do well for you in this area, so beware of purchasing through the mail from an out of state catalog. These varieties will do well in the particular climatic zone where the mail order catalog is printed and the nursery exists, but not always are they best suited to this area.

In the case of fruit trees, it is best not to select too large a grade. The larger sizes are very tempting when they are seen, but it is the smaller size which will come along the best. In commercial orchard planting, the farmer prefers the small size as they will come along faster and produce quicker.

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